July 6, 2004 Regular Meeting

Minutes

Members Present: 5 Members Absent: 0

Lloyd Davis-Chairman Brent Hunter- Vice-Chairman Roger Evans - Commissioner Johnny Myers- Commissioner D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present:

Cecil E. Wood, County Manager James Graham, Attorney Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order. Attorney Graham led the invocation. The Board had the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Myers would be arriving late for the meeting.

Public comment

Chairman Davis asked for public comment. There were none.

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*Commissioner Evans made the motion to approve the minutes with changes. Commissioners Swaim and Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Chairman Davis yielded the floor to Dr. Barbara Todd, Yadkin County School Superintendent.

Board of Education-funding

Dr. Todd presented a request to transfer \$77,281 from the current expense fund balance received from Medicaid Outreach to Capital Outlay to do renovations at the Success Academy adding four additional classrooms, three of which would be used to strengthen the Exceptional Children's program for the older educable and trainable mentally disabled students.

*Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the transfer of the \$77,281 for the renovations at the Success Academy. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Zoning-ordinance

The Planning and Zoning Office request the County Commissioners set a fee, which would be added to the fee schedule, for the filing of any appeal from an administrative decision or decision of the Planning Board. The Office is requesting the fee be set at \$150.

*Commissioner Hunter made the motion to set the appeal fee at \$150. Commissioner Swaim seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Economic Development-update/report

Bobby Todd, Economic Development Director, gave an update on economic development.

Commissioner Evans inquired about new jobs at BEPCO.

Mr. Todd stated there are none at this time, but the agreement states the company will generate 150 new jobs over the next five years

Mr. Todd stated Lydall is moving along with their expansion. They are hiring new employees now so they will be trained and ready when the expansion is complete.

The Board discussed the agreement regarding the Sara Lee building.

Animal Shelter- funds

Mr. Adams informed the Board that he received a check from PETA and asked the Board's direction on whether to keep the check or return it.

*Commissioner Swaim made the motion to return the check to PETA. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

NCACC-voting delegate

*Commissioner Hunter made the motion to appoint Chairman Davis as the voting delegate for the NCACC in Asheville. Commissioner Swaim seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

E-911-road

*Commissioner Swaim made the motion to rename the upper section of Windsor Road; the new name will be Leo's Road. Commissioner Evans seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Hunter discussed the school waiver. He requested the Board send a letter to our

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Legislators letting them know how this will effect Yadkin County Schools.

Dr. Todd agreed with Commissioner Hunter. The block schedule used now for the high schools allows the students to finish the class before the Christmas break. This also keeps the high school on the same schedule as the Community College. The proposed schedule would mean the students get their break in January not December. The proposed schedule would also mean the teachers would lose their ten working days eliminating needed training.

Commissioner Hunter and Mr. Wood gave an update on the animal shelter.

Attorney Graham stated the deeds and r-o-w easements have been prepared.

*Commissioner Hunter made the motion to advertise for bids on the animal shelter. Commissioner Evans seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Chairman Davis reminded the Board that they will be meeting Thursday, July 15th due to NACo.

Manager comments

Mr. Wood discussed the fees for home improvement permits. The Health Department has separated the permits into two phases; layout permit and system installed and inspected permit. The developer can still do both for \$150 or each will cost \$100.

*Commissioner Evans made the motion to approve the new fee for improvement permits. Commissioner Swaim seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Commissioner Evans discussed setting up accounts for established contractors.

Mr. Wood stated a collection process would be set up for the accounts. There would be guidelines that the contractor would have to follow. If a contractor's account becomes delinquent, then their account would be closed and all inspections would be held until account is paid.

The Board directed Mr. Wood and Mr. Adams to develop guidelines for the accounts.

Chairman Davis inquired about vehicles being registered in wrong districts.

Mr. Wood stated some errors could have occurred during the conversion.

Commissioner Hunter discussed sending the vehicle tax bills in one envelope when the bill is due in the same month for several cars belonging to one owner.

Chairman Davis called for a break. Commissioner Myers arrived for the meeting.

Closed Session

*Commissioner Hunter made the motion to go into closed session per G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the attorney. Commissioner Swaim seconded. **The Board voted 5-0**.

*Commissioner Swaim made the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Evans seconded. The Board voted 5-0.

Commissioner comments

The Board discussed the EMS stations. The Board also discussed the medical office in the West Yadkin area as a possible EMS station.

The Board discussed the land beyond the hospital grounds.

The Board directed Mr. Wood to discuss the EMS stations with Dale Trivette.

Mr. Wood informed the Board of a meeting with Sam Erby on July 23rd.

Commissioner Swaim stated employees should not be coming to the Board with personnel issues. If necessary the employees need to be reminded why they have Supervisors and Department Heads.

Commissioner Myers asked who does the actual hiring?

Mr. Wood explained the hiring process. He informed the Board that the Register of Deeds, Health Department, DSS and Sheriff do their own hiring.

Chairman Davis inquired about the communication issues.

Mr. Wood stated no problem can be detected; the problems are not consistent.

Attorney Graham discussed Nomus and requested the Board's permission to proceed with collecting back taxes from them.

The Board directed Attorney Graham to proceed.

Adjourn

*Commissioner Swaim made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Myers seconded. **The Board voted 5-0.**